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The Weather

	High	Low	Rain
June 25	83	57	.00
June 26	82	60	.00
June 27	84	64	.00
June 28	85	58	.17
June 29	85	57	.00
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Actor Jack Blatt To Appear In First Two HCT Productions

Highlands Community Theatre director Mike Hall announced this week that Florida actor Jack Blatt would make guest appearances in the first two summer productions scheduled by H.C.T. beginning July 17. Mr. Blatt, formerly with the Mummer's Theatre in Oklahoma City and Arena Stage in Washington, D. C., lives in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

He will be first seen in Highlands as the funny villain in the season opener, an old-

fashioned "meller-drammer" entitled "Only an Orphan Girl." This comedy with music plays July 17-18-19 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the community theatre.

Two weeks later Blatt will play the role of Algernon in "The Importance of Being Earnest," a part which earned him great critical acclaim at the Oklahoma Mummer's Theatre. Set and costume designer Frank Bennett of Ocala, Fla., has designed numerous colorful

costumes reminiscent of "Hello, Dolly" for Blatt and the other actors.

"Earnest" will be seen for four performances July 31, August 1-2 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Jack Blatt is a fine comedian, according to director Hall, whose favorite roles include Charley in "Never Too Late" and Kreton in "Visit to a Small Planet." Blatt performed several times at the Ocala community theatre under Hall's direction. He was widely praised throughout Florida for his performance as Teddy Roosevelt in "Arsenic and Old Lace," a production directed by Hall starring Julie Hayden and Bobbe Arnt and produced for the Florida Theatre Festival in Daytona Beach.

Blatt will be in Highlands only during rehearsals and performances of the first two plays. Later another guest performer, Dean Brown of Syracuse, New York, will arrive to make special appearances in "The Curious Savage" and "See How They Run." Brown is acting coach and set designer in New York.



Florida actor Jack Blatt, seen here as Teddy Roosevelt in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Hospital Drive Gets Underway

Mr. Tom C. Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, has announced that the Annual Fund Raising Drive of the Hospital is being held this year from July 1, 1969 through August of 1969, with a goal of \$42,600.00.

Mr. Smith also announced that Mr. V. W. McCall will once again head the campaign as chairman. Mr. McCall has asked several members of the Board of Trustees to serve in this campaign with him.

Already letters are going out to residents of Highlands and Cashiers communities setting forth the current and future needs of the hospital, bringing the public up-to-date on the operation of the hospital and its services to the communities.

Once again, the Hospital Board feels confident that the Highlands - Cashiers Community will rally to the support of the hospital in this drive so that in short order the goal will be reached and the hospital assured of much needed funds.

Chicken Supper At Cashiers

The Cashiers United Methodist Church will serve the first of its summer chicken suppers Thursday, July 10, from 6:30 on.

These suppers are traditional and the initial one always serves as one of the first opportunities for summer visitors to get together.

Garden Club Flower Show At Cashiers On July 17

A much-looked-forward-to event this month is the 1969 Flower Show to be held at the Cashiers Community Center on July 17 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sponsored by the Highlands-Cashiers Garden Club, the show this year bears the title "High Hills And Valleys Low" and features the exhibits of an extensive variety of domestic flowers, artistic arrangements, and vegetables.

All persons of the area are invited to participate, and it is hoped that many who have fine specimens of either flowers or vegetables, and have not exhibited them previously, will make it a point to do so this year.

Rules and detailed information about the flower show may be obtained in Highlands in pamphlets available at Potts Super Market, The Highlander Restaurant, Tate's Steak House, Lee's Inn, King's Inn, and Highlands Country Club. Information may also be obtained by calling Mrs. Harry Long, telephone 526-3167 in Highlands.

HCT Staff Arriving

The Highlands Community Theatre staff, coming to Highlands from Florida, Kentucky, Michigan and New York, began arriving July 1 and will start work immediately on the first production. Local actors, singers, musicians and dancers are urgently needed by director Mike Hall, with a "get acquainted night" set for Thursday, July 3, at 8 p.m. at the theatre. Also welcome with "open arms," according to Hall, are technicians, backstage workers, ticket salesmen and boxoffice personnel. Hall said that he hopes to involve everyone in the community in a "fun phase on the first production." All volunteers, including youngsters, teenagers and summer guests, are cordially invited to attend the Thursday night meeting.

Members of the Highlands Community Theatre "Elsies" committee report that Patron, Angel and Century Donor memberships are now available by mailing requests to the theatre at Box 896, Highlands. Patron memberships at donations of \$25 to \$50 entitle members to two season admissions to each of the four plays. Angel memberships at \$50 to \$100 donations also bring two tickets and listing in the program.

Flyers are now available at most downtown stores listing play dates and ticket information.

Quilt Displayed

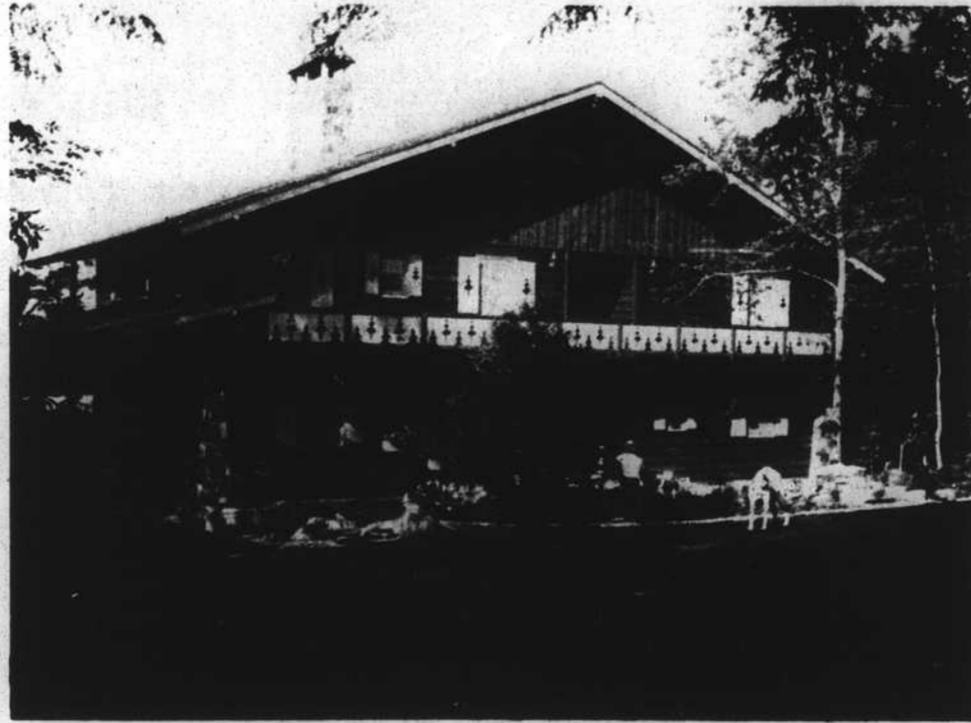
Two hand-made quilts, the work of women of the Shortoff area, are on display at the window of People's Department Store in Highlands.

Chances on these quilts, at \$1 each, are being sold to raise money for the Highlands Cemetery Company.

Chances are available at People's Department Store and are also being sold by Mrs. Dorothy Houston and others.

Closed The 4th

Announcement has been made that the Hudson Library will be closed all day on the Fourth of July.



The Walter Resce residence where the Annual Episcopal Silver Tea will be held July 9.



Chairman Virginia Worley (left) talks over plans for the Annual Episcopal Silver Tea with Susan Hochreiter, a daughter of Mrs. Walter Resce, while another important member of the Resce household sits in on the conversation.

Enthusiasm Running High On Little League Activities

Current Little League Baseball front runner, the Braves, will host Franklin's best 9 in a special Fourth of July game beginning at 2 p.m. The game, part of Highlands' Independence Day festivities, is to be played at the city field.

A bake sale will be held Saturday at Potts Market beginning at 10 a.m. Persons wishing to contribute are requested to bring baked goods to the market Saturday morning.

Starting this week individual Little League players are to be nominated by the managers for the Player-of-the-Week award. The final decision is made by umpires and officers. This honor is awarded to a boy who plays exceptionally well in a given week. This may not necessarily be the boy who plays best, but may be presented to the youngster who makes the greatest improvement.

Ben Wax, son of Mrs. Polly Wax of Mirror Lake, has been selected Player-of-the-Week of Highlands Little League for June 22 - 28. Ben's outstanding performance in pitching and batting led the Cards to victory twice last week. Ben pitched three innings in each game and did not allow a single run. In addition to this, he earned hits in 6 out of 8 times at bat including 2 home runs. Ben also batted in 5 runs and 6 bases.

Team Standings			
	W	L	
Braves	5	0	1,000
Cards	5	1	.833
Phillies	1	4	.200
Phillies	0	6	.000

Last week's scores: Cards 15 - Pirates 1; Braves 21 - Phillies 2; Cards 10 - Phillies 1; Braves 14 - Pirates 4.

Bake Sale

A bake sale, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women, will be held Saturday, July 5, in the Lyda Harcomb real estate office next to Tate's Produce Stand.

The sale opens at 9 a.m. and purchasers are urged to come early and take their pick of a selection of homemade "goodies."

Proceeds from the sale go to the Highlands - Cashiers Hospital Bazaar.

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Bargains At Rummage Sale

The local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold a "real bargain" rummage sale on Saturday, July 12, in the Methodist Church basement. All items will be priced under one dollar. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Persons who have good used clothing to donate to the sale may contact Miss Agnes Creswell, 526-2404.

Economic Development Center To Be Established

A 28-county Economic Development Center to be established at Western Carolina University with state and federal funds will help create jobs and raise incomes through a program of management and technical assistance, Dr. Alex S. Pow, WCU president, has announced.

Approval by the Economic Development Administration of a \$100,000 grant to WCU for the center was announced during the week end by 11th District Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

The center, first in Western North Carolina, will conduct a program to initiate new sources of jobs and income in a region stretching from Allegheny County to Cherokee County, and on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

The program will provide technical and management assistance to new and expanding industries, and to local communities. The center will assist in forming new industries, supply regional informational services through computerized data storage systems, and work closely with other agencies and

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Varied Schedule Of Activities To Mark Fourth Of July Here

In days gone by, the Fourth of July in Highlands was a day of special celebration when everybody "came to town" to enjoy good clean fun and entertainment, renew acquaintances with old friends and make new ones, root for the home-town team in the traditional baseball game, and make the day an occasion of good cheer, mindful of their citizenship in a "land of the free."

In an effort toward reviving this "old-time" spirit of celebration, the Chamber of Commerce this year is sponsoring the First Annual Fourth of July Celebration and Fun Festival under the co-chairmanship of Worth Sherrill and Harry Long and has scheduled the following events:

A sidewalk exhibition of arts and crafts gets underway around 10 a.m. under the supervision of Dee McCollum, and will continue through most of the day.

A Little League baseball game at 2 p.m. at the ball park on Cashiers Road will feature the "Highlands Braves" against the "Franklin Tourists." These Highlands youngsters have been working hard during past weeks in their first experience in Little League and Highlanders are urged to go all-out in providing them cheering support.

Next on the schedule is a pet show at 4 p.m. in the Highlands Community Theatre area, under the direction of Gary Phelan and Delores Sherrill, where everyone is invited to

Annual Episcopal Silver Tea Wednesday

On Wednesday, July 9, the Annual Silver Tea sponsored by the Episcopal Church will be held at the home of Mr. Walter Resce, from 3 until 5 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Resce residence, on the Clear Creek Road overlooking Blue Valley, is designed as a Swiss Chalet, with a pine tree motif cut into the inside and outside gallery railings. The grounds and rushing mountain stream are landscaped with native shrubs, trees and flowers. The house, "Lisenstein", is named for the enchanted forest in "Hansel and Gretel". Mr. Resce is founder and President of Rainbow Pictures, Inc., of Coral Gables, Fla. Currently specializing in technical films, Rainbow Pictures has in the past produced a variety of films, including travelogues and educational films. Mr. Resce's production of "La Traviata" uses marionettes as characters, with Metropolitan Opera stars singing each role. This film will be shown at the July Parish Supper of the Episcopal Church.

Those wishing to attend the tea are asked to gather at the Episcopal Church, where transportation will be provided to and from the tea, since parking space at the Resce residence is limited.

Serving at the tea and punch tables will be Mmes. John E. Hines, G.M.T. Jenks, Tom Harbison, Charles F. Ivins, Tudor Hall, Robert C. Balfour, Jr., Lester W. Dawley, Charles B. Henriques, James Howe, Gordon S. Reese, Martha Goode and S. T. Capps.

Mmes. Gale D. Webbe, Val S. Pierson, Foy E. Fleming, William H. Oglesby, John Harbert, Earl M. DeNoon, E. A. Niblack, Russell Garvin and Miss Kate Jungermann will greet guests at the door.

Hostesses for the tea will be Mmes. Seaton Bailey, Sam Baty, Hal Copeland, C. E. Eichenberger, Paul Fifer, Thomas Fitzpatrick, W. H. Flowers, Tudor Hall, Jr., Hubert Kleinpeter, Jr., Henry Lucas, S. P. McCabe, J. Bruce Medaris, John T. Flesher, George Saussy, I. A. Trively, R. V. Watterson, Frank A. Wightman, James V. Weber, Ben Wax and Henry Taylor.

Junior Hostesses will be Misses Marilyn Laskey, Beth Oglesby, Candace McGinley, Terry Niblack, Beth Niblack, Natalie Niblack, Suzanne Foley, Ruth Worley, Mary Louise Worley and Carol Sheppard Purser.

Mrs. Richard Worley is General Chairman for the tea. Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Charles Henriques, sandwiches; Mrs. Lester Dawley, punch; Mrs. Gale Webbe, tea; Mrs. James Howe, silver; Mr. John Hall, transportation and parking; Mrs. Albert Fendig, flowers; Mrs. James McGinley, junior hostesses; Mrs. Richard Halton, cookies; Mrs. William Oglesby, punch bowls and cups; Miss Ann Harbison, posters.

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